

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Advisory Action mailed August 27, 2004. Upon entry of this response, claims 2 – 3, 6 – 9 and 13 – 14 and 17 - 20 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Telephone Conference

Applicant sincerely appreciates the time that the Examiner spent discussing the pending application with Applicant's attorney. During that conversation, it is believed that agreement was made as to the allowability of the claims upon entry of the amendments indicated above in this Supplemental Response. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that the cited art of record, either individually or in combination, does not teach or reasonably suggest the features/limitations recited in amended claims 17, 19 and 20. Since the remaining claims are dependent claims that incorporate the features/limitations of one of the claims, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

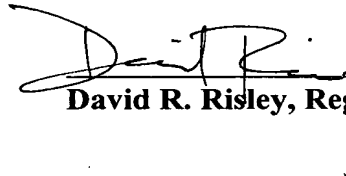
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

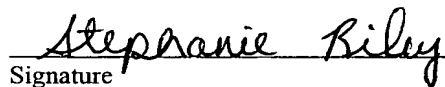
In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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